

SUBJECT: DSCP Alert 012-2006, Nunes Recalls Foxy Brand Lettuce for Possible E. coli O157:H7 Contamination

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FDA Statement on Nunes Lettuce Recall

Background: On October 8, 2006, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) became aware that The Nunes Company, Inc., of Salinas, California initiated a voluntary recall of green leaf lettuce distributed under the Foxy brand. The company reported to FDA that it initiated the recall because of E.coli contamination of water used to irrigate the lettuce plants in the field during growing. At this time, there has been no determination of whether the E. coli found is O157:H7—the highly infectious type that can cause life-threatening foodborne illness in humans—or the more common, generally harmless strains of E. coli that usually do not cause disease. Further, there has been no known human illness linked to this recall.

This alert refers to Foxy brand whole head lettuce only. The recall covers green leaf lettuce purchased in grocery stores Oct. 3-6 in Arizona, California, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. It was also sold to distributors in those states who may have sold it to restaurants or institutions.

The recalled lettuce was packaged as "Green Leaf 24 Count, waxed carton," and "Green Leaf 18 Count, cellophane sleeve, returnable carton." Packaging is stamped with lot code 6SL0024.

DSCP INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) Secure in a "Medical Hold" status to provide assurance of no further issue/sale/use of the item.
- (2) Return recalled product to manufacturer through the appropriate distribution channels.
- (3) Report positive findings to the Consumer Safety Officer at [<mailto:Ramona.Martin@dla.mil>](mailto:Ramona.Martin@dla.mil) Ramona.Martin@dla.mil

The Point Of Contact for this Recall notice is CW4 Ramona Martin, Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2905. Commercial (215) 737-2905, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526.

Any individual or office that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to Ramona.Martin@dla.mil.

Previous recalls and frequently asked questions are available at the following web site:

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